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MINERAL RESERVES IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) The details of availability/reserves/ new reserves of various minerals found in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of demand and supply and the domestic consumption of these minerals in the country during the said period;

(c) whether the Government has any policy for maintenance of balance in the demand and supply of these minerals in the country;

(d) if so, the details of such policy;

(e) whether the Government proposes to constitute a separate body for better coordination among the State Governments to resolve various mineral related issues; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI B.K HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b): State-wise information on reserves/resources of minerals and their consumption, is given the Indian Minerals Year Book, published by the Indian Bureau of Mines, a copy of which is supplied to the Parliament Library on regular basis.

(c) & (d): The Government has recently enunciated its new National Mineral Policy, 2008. The new policy seeks to develop a sustainable framework for optimum utilisation of the country`s natural mineral resources for the industrial growth in the country. The new Policy encourages the user industry to develop long-term linkages with the mineral producing units, in order to assuring interrupted supply of the mineral raw material from domestic sources.

(e) & (f): Ministry of Mines has constituted Mineral Advisory Council, Granite Development Council and Marble Development Council. These forums have representations from concerned Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments and the industry including prospective investors for better coordination to resolve various issues related to mineral sector.